MAILERS' TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MTAC)
Workgroup #146
"Providing Container, Tray, and Piece Level Detail to Full Service Customers"
Friday, October 14, 2011 Session

Meeting Minutes

Agenda

- Data Provisioning for January 2012

General Discussion

- Several workgroup participants experienced issues connecting to MeetingPlace. It was recommended that the meeting invites for Workgroups #144, #145, and #146 be deleted and set up again.
- Reviewed the Informed Visibility presentation that was sent via email to the workgroup participants on 10/14/2011. The presentation gave a high-level overview of the Informed Visibility program and what data would be provisioned for the January 2012 phase.
- January 2012 will give mailers additional data, using existing interfaces. Mailers still need to know what the structure will look like so that they can import it properly. Angelo recommended using XMLSpy to visually depict the data elements, and explained that the structure has already been vetted by the Mail.XML group.
- Workgroup participants cautioned that USPS shouldn't go too far down the road without sharing the details with the entire workgroup, because there are some items that may be showstoppers.
- Some participants are already getting questions from customers about how to get data, but that information hasn't been communicated yet. Participants are concerned about the timeline, and still have no idea what requirements to provide to their IT departments or how to train their customers on what is coming in January.
- If some of the parking lot items are resolved internally in the next week, Himesh recommended setting up an ad hoc session, outside of the biweekly scheduled meeting.

Parking Lot Items

- What are the Business Rules for data processing?
- How will logical containers and trays be treated? For example, 100 customers can be on one pallet. Will we see 100 logical pallet scan events or just 1 pallet scan event? Traditionally, this information is treated by mail owner first. So, a customer might receive identical scan events – one for each mailer owner name. What is the impact to Consolidated (letter) and Co-Mail (flats) environments and Mixed Class?
- Is the CONFIRM service being offered for free only on Full Service mail or on all mail? For example, will non-automated mailpieces that do not quality for Full Service require the mailer to still pay for a CONFIRM subscription?
- Questions concerning the registration process: What will be the registration process? Will MIDs still need to be registered with CONFIRM? Can a mailer use the same MID on Basic and Full Service?
- Data Layout explanation.
- Workgroup participants requested process flow for data.